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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MASON, N. H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1887.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Of Mason, for the Year ending March 1st, 1887.

AMOUNT OF POLLS AND PROPERTY TAXED.

No. of Polls, 176,	value,	$17,600 00	
Horses, 145,	"	10,090 00	
Cows, 306,	"	9,473 00	
Oxen, 30,	"	2,075 00	
Neat Stock, 53,	"	893 00	
Sheep, 30,	"	108 00	
Hogs, 5,	"	55 00	
Carriages, 22,	"	1,445 00	
Amount of Money,		20,867 00	
" " Stock in Trade,		12,936 00	
" " Mills,		2,300 00	
" " Buildings,		800 00	
" " Land and Buildings,		260,470 00	
Total,			$339,112 00
No. of Dogs, Male, 52,		52 00	
Female, 8,		16 00	
			$68 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAXATION.

For schools,	$623 00
Town charges,	700 00

Paid Highways,	300 00	
State tax,	712 00	
County tax,	518 34	
		$2,853 34
Highway tax paid in work,		$300 00

MONEY RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN

Of Samuel Griley,	$1 10	
John Michael,	2 00	
County for support of paupers,	121 26	
" " " " 1885,	86 88	
J. S. Spalding,	350 00	
H. J. Taft, for use of law reports,	10 00	
Fruitdale Grange, use of hall,	10 00	
State treasurer, railroad tax,	58 83	
" " Savings bank tax,	468 09	
" " Literary fund.	87 68	
E. J. Hodgman,	4 00	
For use of town hall,	15 00	
Stearns' fund,	114 42	
		$1,329 26

FOR SCHOOLS.

Raised by taxation,	623 00	
Literary fund,	76 86	
Money not used in 1885,	185 04	
Dog tax for 1885,	85 00	
Boynton fund,	412 70	
Stearns fund,	33 00	
		$1415 60

SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid O. W. Hodgman,	$1346 59	

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	712 00	
County tax,	518 34	
		$1230 34

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Daniel Goodwin for 1885,	$40 00	

TRUSTEES OF BOYNTON FUND.

Paid George Whitaker,	15 00	
C. A. Elliott,	17 30	
N. L. Barrett,	10 00	
L. W. Mitchell,	14 60	
C. B. Goodwin,	6 00	
		$62 90

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid J. M. Flagg for boarding John Flagg,	$63 50	
Childs & Claflin, goods for John Flagg,	4 50	
Childs & Claflin, goods for Mrs. D. A. Hill,	132 82	
A. F. Barrett, for rent and assistance, Mrs. D. A. Hill,	52 99	
Thomas Jackson, wood for Mrs. D. A. Hill,	17 62	
Nathaniel Ingerson,	3 50	
J. A. Dixon, house rent,	9 00	
Samuel Ingalls, goods,	10 59	
E. H. Russell, for moving,	3 00	
H. A. Sanders, for boarding Page Sanders,	25 00	
Childs & Claflin, for carrying Page Sanders to the County Farm,	2 00	
		$324 52

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid M. F. Robbins, for boarding John Winship,	$6 25
F. F. Reed, board and clothing, John Winship,	58 00

Paid J. O. Reed, Jr., for wood and goods furnished Mrs. J. Russell,	56 39	
W. W. Creighton, for boarding and care of David P. Russell,	32 50	
Jesse Batchelder, for boarding Mrs. Jane Chapman,	79 50	
J. O. Reed, Jr., goods for John Winship,	2 15	
		$234 79

REPAIRING ROADS.

Paid M. E. Barney, cleaning out brush,	60	
B. F. March, " "	11 11	
A. F. Barrett, " "	75	
L. W. Mitchell, for 1885–86,	15 64	
A. E. Chase, work with machine,	58 00	
" " boarding team,	35 75	
W. Fessenden & Son, use of team,	160 26	
M. L. Barrett, work,	4 80	
Hermon Whitaker, for work,	3 16	
L. A. Blood,	30	
Jason Russell,	1 57	
N. L. Barrett,	36 41	
William Webber,	7 45	
E. H. Russell,	12 53	
A. P. Holden, breaking, 1886–7,	3 90	
A. E. Chase,	14 61	
W. A. Adams,	9 60	
A. E. Chase, working tax on Stearn's place,	1 08	
		$377 52

INCIDENTALS.

Paid M. V. B. Greene, for printing,	$27 30	
M. V. B. Greene, for invoice book,	13 50	
J. P. Wright, work on School House,	6 50	

Paid W. E. Barney, work on School House,	26 75	
G. W. Taft, craper edges and casting,	17 50	
A. E. Chase, repairs on road machine,	11 10	
John Allinson, care of Town House and cutting wood,	8 90	
A. S. Wallace, returning births and deaths,	2 25	
A. J. Atwood, returning births and deaths,	25	
O. D. Prescott, for paint and coloring,	3 00	
A. Wright & Co., for blackboard,	4 50	
Otis Childs, work on school house,	2 00	
S. N. Barrett, paying non-resident tax,	31 47	
C. B. Goodwin, returning births and deaths,	5 10	
B. F. March, working non-resident tax,	13 17	
R. B. Boynton, returning births and deaths,	75	
W. Barney, wood for Town House,	4 50	
W. E. Barney, working non-resident tax,	4 86	
Selectmen, putting up tramps,	4 00	
		$187 40

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. W. Brown, over tax,	$ 75
Samuel Ingalls, over tax,	2 00
L. A. Blood, over tax,	1 27
L. A. Tarbell, over tax,	2 35
Abbie Childs, over tax,	3 40
J. A. Hall, over tax,	1 79
Frank A. Rollins, for 1885,	1 43
Laflin McPhee,	85

Paid William Michael,	85	
William Cheyne,	85	
		$15 54

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Samuel N. Barrett, collector for 1885,	$75 00	
Edward A. Haskell, supervisor,	11 00	
A. E. Chase, supervisor,	5 00	
C. B. Goodwin, supervisor,	8 50	
Hermon Whitaker, supervisor,	3 00	
C. B. Goodwin, town clerk,	25 00	
O. A. Hamblett, treasurer,	25 00	
J. S. Spalding, selectman,	67 30	
J. O. Reed, Jr., "	51 22	
A. E. Chase, "	45 00	
M. R. Hodgman, supervisor,	2 00	
H. B. Hosmer, treasurer,	2 00	
		$320 02

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid J. S. Spalding,		$364 25

RECAPITULATION.

For Schooling,	$1346 59	
School Committee, 1885,	40 00	
State and County Tax,	1230 34	
Trustees of Boynton Fund,	62 90	
Repairing Highways,	377 52	
Support of the Poor,	324 52	
Notes and Interest,	364 25	
Abatement of Taxes,	15 54	
Incidentals,	187 40	
Town Officers,	320 02	
County Paupers,	234 69	
Stearns Acc't,	76 80	
		$4580 57

STEARNS ACCOUNT.

Paid J. S. Spalding, time and expenses,	$31 05	
James Russell, time and expenses,	12 05	
Tax in Greenville,	11 20	
Tax in Wilton,	13 12	
Tax in Mason,	9 38	
		$76 80
Rec'd for grass,	34 75	
Rent,	54 67	
Apples,	25 00	
	$114 42	
Appropriated for Schooling,		$33 20
Balance in Treasury,		4 42

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from the County,	$113 43	
" " W. F. Barrett,	22 06	
Balance in Collector's hands,	278 88	
" " Treasurer's hands,	426 18	
		$842 55

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

For Dunster Cemetery Fund,	$100 00	
School money not used,	69 01	
Old district No. 1,	50 00	
		$219 01
Balance in favor of the town,	$623 54	

WORK DONE IN CEMETERY.

Paid J. P. Wright, 1 day's work,	$1 50
W. E. Barney, 3 1-2 days' work,	5 25
B. F. March,	11 40

Paid three pounds of brimstone,	1 80	
		$19 95

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. SPALDING,
J. O. REED, JR.,
A. E. CHASE,
Selectmen of Mason.

MASON, February 28th, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending February 28th, 1887.

DR.

Rec'd of H. B. Hosmer, former treasurer,	$233 08	
S. N. Barrett, collector, 1885,	236 79	
S. N. Barrett, collector, 1886,	2778 95	
Selectmen,	1324 59	
George Whitaker, treasurer of Boynton Fund,	412 70	
Agents of Stearns' Bequest,	27 54	
		$5013 65

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Paid for support of poor,	$558 58	
Highways,	379 79	
Schools,	1346 59	
Salaries of town officers,	320 02	
Paid school committee, 1885,	40 00	
Trustees of Boynton Fund,	62 30	
Abatement of Taxes,	15 54	
State and County taxes,	1230 34	
Note and Interest,	364 25	
By cash in treasury,	426 18	
		$5013 65

Respectfully submitted,

ORREN A. HAMBLETT, TREASURER.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

On taking charge of the schools, one year ago, we were well aware that a majority of the citizens in town were opposed to the new school law, which took the management of the schools from the district committees and placed it in the hands of a school board. It was very evident that whatever course we pursued we could not please everyone; therefore, we have endeavored to satisfy ourselves by giving to each scholar as nearly an equal advantage as possible.

The schools have all been under the charge of experienced teachers, five having taught in town before. Four of the schools have been taught by the same teachers during the three terms, with the exception of the fall term in No. 3, where the teacher was unable to attend to her duties on account of sickness.

There has been no school in what was formerly district No. 4. As there were but four or five scholars to attend at any time during the year, we thought it better for them and cheaper for the town to hire them carried to School No. 5.

By an agreement made with the school board of Greenville, the scholars in what was the fractional district, have attended the Greenville school the same as in past years. According to the agreement, the town of Mason has paid fifty-seven and one half cents, and the town of Greenville forty-two and one-half cents of every dollar expended, for the support of the school. We think that we ought to be willing to pay this proportion, as nearly all the scholars live in Mason.

The summer and fall terms of school No. 1 were taught by Clara E. Henderson, who had taught the same school the three previous terms. Miss Henderson labored earnestly for the advancement of the school, and if the scholars had labored with the same zeal as their teacher, the results might have been more satisfactory.

The winter term is still in progress, under the guidance of J. O. Reed, Jr., a young man of rare talent, who is endeavoring to make the school a credit to himself and the citizens of the district.

The three terms of school No. 2. have been taught by Lura M. Elliott. Miss Elliott has fully maintained her high reputation as a teacher. That teacher and scholars considered the school room a place for work was apparent. Some of the younger scholars deserve special praise for the advancement made in their studies.

The summer and winter terms of No. 3. were taught by Miss Jennie A. Shattuck, of Brookline. The result of the winter examination was ample proof that the teacher had labored hard and successfully. Harriet R. Spalding, a graduate of the State Normal School, had charge of the fall term. Although the term was short, there was sufficient time for Miss Spalding to establish a system of discipline, which was beneficial to the school.

School No. 5 has been taught the past year by Mary E. Knox, a teacher whose reputation is already established.

The three terms of school No. 6 have been in charge of Elizabeth C. Spalding, of Wilton.

Knowing something of the high rank of this school and the desire of the citizens to maintain the same, made us particularly anxious to secure the services of one well qualified for the position of teacher. Miss Spalding has performed her duties, not only to our satisfaction, but to the satisfaction of the entire school and the citizens of the district. The best of

feeling has existed between teacher and scholars, making each term a success.

Names of scholars who have not been absent or tardy for one term: Mabel G. Barney, Edith C. Whitaker, Alice E. Barrett, Augusta M. Barrett, Annie L. Barrett, Julia J. M. Elliott, Tommie Rhodes, George Rhodes, Ernest L. Williams, Willie A. Maxwell, Freddie D. Chambers, John McCuddy, Warren E. Elliott, Willie Creighton, Edith V. Gilman, Willie A. Cheyne, Warren L. Flagg, John G. McRobbie, Edith M. Tarbell, Hattie E. Hosmer, William H. Jackson, Nellie Robbins, Eva Winship, Ella E. Richards.

Names of scholars who have not been absent or tardy for two terms: Grace M. Elliott, Mamie Rhodes, Lottie B. Hodgman, George L. Tarbell, Alber R. Maxwell, Carrie B. Flagg, Fred J. Flagg, George L. Cheyne, Lizzie M. Adams, Willis H. B. Hosmer, Fred E. Jackson, Etta E. Hodgman, Mervin Hodgman, John Harrington.

Names of scholars who have not been absent or tardy for three terms: Lizzie E. Wilson, Albert H. Wilson.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

PAID FOR INSTRUCTION.

SUMMER TERM.

Miss Clara E. Henderson,	9 weeks,	$72 00		
" Lura M. Elliott,	"	67 50		
" Jennie A. Shattuck,	"	63 00		
" Mary E. Knox,	"	63 00		
" Elizabeth C. Spalding,	"	63 00		
Town of Greenville,	"	36 22		

FALL TERM.

Miss Clara E. Henderson,	8 weeks,	$64 00	
" Lura M. Elliott,	"	60 00	
" Harriet R. Spalding,	6 weeks,	42 00	
" Mary E. Knox,		56 00	
" Elizabeth C. Spalding,		56 00	
Town of Greenville,		32 20	

WINTER TERM.

Miss Lura M. Elliott,	12 weeks,	$96 00	
" Jennie A. Shattuck,	14 "	105 00	
" Mary E. Knox,	12 "	90 00	
" Elizabeth C. Spalding,	12 "	90 00	
Town of Greenville,		51 75	
			$1107 67

SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS.

Childs & Claflin, supplies,	$4 38	
Otis Childs, "	1 00	
J. H. Tucker, "	1 10	

E. S. Spalding, supplies,	2 35	
O. W. Hodgman, repairs,	50	
L. A. Blood, "	3 05	
A. J. Morse, "	50	
E. S. Spalding, two school charts,	12 50	
A. E. Chase, wood,	16 25	
A. J. Morse, "	7 88	
N. L. Barrett, "	11 00	
W. E. Barney,	4 50	
Town of Greenville,	9 56	
Mrs. Mary Seaver, for boarding Miss Henderson,	2 00	
		$76 57

CARE OF HOUSES.

Winfred Whitaker,	$4 25	
Amasa Elliott,	3 00	
Willie E. Barrett,	3 00	
L. P. Nickerson,	2 00	
Albert H. Wilson,	2 00	
Mrs. James Flagg,	50	
		$14 75

CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Samuel Gailey, 8 weeks,	$24 00	
" " 3 days,	2 40	
E. B. Richardson, 11 weeks, 2 days,	34 20	
		$60 60

MONEY RECEIVED.

Cash received from Town Treasurer,	$1346 59	
Cash received from Town of Greenville, for tuition of scholars,	12 00	
		$1358 59

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Instruction,	$1107 67	
" Supplies and repairs,	76 57	
" Care of Houses,	14 75	
" Carrying Scholars,	60 60	
Money in our hands to pay expenses of winter term, school No. 1,	99 00	
		$1358 59

OTIS CHILDS,
EDWIN S. SPALDING, } School Board.
OZRO W. HODGMAN,

No. of School.	TEACHERS.	No. of Term.	Weeks of School.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Spelling	Readin .	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Other Studies.
1	Clara E. Henderson	1	9	36	32	36	36	36	22	6	15	12
	" " "	2	8	30	26	30	30	30	18	4	10	1
	James O. Reed, Jr.											
2	Lura M. Elliott	1	9	20	7	20	20	12	12	5	7	8
	" " "	2	8	15	13	15	15	11	8	5	6	13
	" " "	3	12	16	13	14	16	14	15	4	7	16
3	Jennie A. Shattuck	1	9	25	19	23	23	23	23	3	23	2
	Harriet R. Spalding	2	6	26	20	26	26	2	26	4	26	5
	Jennie A. Shattuck	3	14	21	13	21	21	21	21	4	21	9
5	Mary E. Knox	1	9	12	9	11	11	11	11	7	6	11
	" " "	2	8	16	14	16	16	14	14	6	10	19
	" " "	3	12	19	14	19	19	19	19	8	16	26
6	Elizabeth C. Spalding	1	9	12	12	10	12	12	12	8	6	4
	" " "	2	8	15	14	13	15	15	15	9	9	33
	" " "	3	13	18	16	17	18	18	18	13	9	42

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

Amount in hands of the Trustees Jan. 1st., 1887, ten thousand dollars, loaned to Joel H. Elliot, Greenville, N. H., at five per cent. interest, payable semi-annually.

Number of scholars May 1st, 1886, between the ages of five and fifteen in town, one hundred and one.

Amount of money appropriated, four hundred and twelve dollars and seventy cents.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WHITAKER, TREASURER.

MASON, Feb. 12th, 1887.

The Agents of the Stearns Bequest submit the following report.

The following property belonging to the Estate of William Stearns has been passed over by the Executor to the town:

The Gilman Farm and Elliott lot, appraised at	$1000 00
The Boynton Farm in Wilton, appraised at	600 00
The Marvell House in Milford, appraised at	1500 00
The Adams Land in Greenville, appraised at	1200 00

The Gilman Farm was sold the 12th of January for eight hundred dollars to Horace K. Hodgman and the Elliott lot to Amos Farnsworth for three hundred dollars.

Jan. 12, received of Amos Farnsworth,	$50 00		
29, " Horace K. Hodgman,	700 00		
31, " Horace K. Hodgman,	100 00		
Feb. 15, " Amos Farnsworth,	250 00		
			$110 00
Jan. 29, received the rent of Boynton Farm for the quarter ending Jan. 31,	$10 00		
Feb. 1, received the rent of Marvell place for Nov. and Dec after deducting bill for repairs,	16 75		
Feb. 15, received of Amos Farnsworth, interest,	79		
			$27 54
Jan. 31, 1887, deposited in the Nashua Savings Bank,	$835 00		
Feb. 16, deposited in the Nashua Savings Bank,	265 00		
			$1100 00
Feb. 24, paid O. A. Hamblett, Town Treasurer,			$27 54

JASON RUSSELL,
OTIS CHILDS,
SAMUEL H. WHEELER,
} Agents of the Stearns Bequest.

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